Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of reporting a status of a user of a mobile communication device, comprising:

providing at least one event descriptor defining an event in the mobile communication device, the event descriptor including contact information for contacting a pre-selected party associated with the event and including at least one environmental parameter to define the event, wherein the at least one environmental parameter is at least one of a location indicator or a message received at the mobile communication device;

detecting the occurrence of the event as defined by the event descriptor, performed by the mobile communication device;

alerting a user of the mobile communication device of the occurrence of the event in response to detecting the occurrence of the event;

prompting the user of the mobile communication device for an input from the user;

receiving the input from the user in response to prompting the user;

transmitting a status message from the mobile communication device directly to [[a]] the preselected party upon detecting the occurrence of the event using the contact information in the event descriptor only upon the user providing the input.

2. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 1, wherein providing at least one event descriptor comprises providing geographic location parameter in the event descriptor.

3. (original) A method of monitoring status as defined in claim 1, wherein providing at least one criteria set comprises a time parameter.

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5. (currently amended) A method of reporting status as defined in claim [[4]] 1, wherein prompting the user comprises a visual indicator.

6. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 5, wherein alerting the user with a visual indicator comprises illuminating a status response button on the mobile communication device.

7. (currently amended) A method of reporting status as defined in claim [[4]] 1, wherein prompting the user for an input comprises prompting the user with an auditory alert.

8. (currently amended) A method of reporting status as defined in claim [[4]] 1, wherein prompting the user for an input comprises prompting the user with a tactile alert.

9. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 8, wherein prompting the user with a tactile alert comprises prompting the user with a vibratory alert.

10. (currently amended) A method of reporting status as defined in claim [[4]] 1, wherein receiving an input comprises authenticating the user.

11. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 10, wherein authenticating the user comprises identifying a fingerprint of the user.

12. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 10, wherein authenticating the user comprises receiving a password entry from the user.

13. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 10, wherein authenticating the user comprises performing voice recognition on a speech segment spoken by the user in response to the prompting.

14. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim [[4]] 1, wherein receiving the input comprises detecting an actuation of a status response button.

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15. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 1, wherein detecting the occurrence of the event comprises detecting a present geographic location.

16. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 15, wherein detecting the present geographic location comprises using a satellite positioning subsystem of the mobile communication device to determine the present geographic location.

17. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 15, wherein detecting the present geographic location comprises receiving location information from a base station providing communication service to the mobile communication device.

18. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 1, wherein detecting the occurrence of the event comprises receiving a message at the mobile communication device.

19. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 18, wherein receiving the message at the mobile communication device comprises receiving a status inquiry message at the mobile communication device.

20. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 18, wherein receiving the message at the mobile communication device comprises receiving a local wireless message from a source other than a mobile communication system.

21. (original) A method of reporting status as defined in claim 1, wherein transmitting the status message is performed automatically in response to detecting the occurrence of the event.

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22. (currently amendment) A mobile communication device for use in a mobile communication system and for providing a status of a user of the mobile communication device, comprising:

a transceiver for communicating with the mobile communication system;

memory containing at least one event descriptor, the event descriptor defining an event, the event descriptor including contact information for contacting a pre-selected party associated with the event and including at least one environmental parameter to define the event, wherein the at least one environmental parameter is at least one of a location indicator or a message received at the mobile communication device;

a user interface for providing information to, and receiving input from the user;

a controller for evaluating a present status of the mobile communication device against the at least one event descriptor for determining an occurrence of the event defined by the at least one event descriptor; [[and]]

means for alerting the user of the mobile communication device of the occurrence of the event in response to detecting the occurrence of the event;

means for prompting the user of the mobile communication device for an input from the user;

means for receiving the input from the user; and

status response instruction code disposed in the memory which is executed upon the occurrence of the event, as determined by the controller, the status response code causing the mobile communication device to transmit a status response message directly to [[a]] the preselected party when executed by the mobile communication device subsequent to receiving the input from the user.

23. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 22, wherein the at least one event descriptor comprises a geographic location parameter corresponding to a geographic location, the event occurring when a present location of the mobile communication device is substantially equal to the geographic location.

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24. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 23 further comprising a satellite positioning subsystem for determining the present geographic location of the mobile communication device.

25. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 23 wherein the present geographic location of the mobile communication device is determined by a control message received at the mobile communication device transmitted by a base station of the communication system that is presently providing communication service to the mobile communication device.

26. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 22, wherein the at least one event descriptor comprises a time parameter corresponding to an event time, the event occurring when a present time is substantially equal to the event time.

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28. (currently amended) A mobile communication device as defined in claim [[27]] 22, wherein the means for prompting the user comprises a visual indicator.

29. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 28, wherein the visual indicator comprises a selectably illuminable status response button, wherein the selectably illuminable response button is illuminated upon the occurrence of the event.

30. (currently amended) A mobile communication device as defined in claim [[27]] 22, wherein the means for prompting comprises a speaker for producing an auditory alert.

31. (currently amended) A mobile communication device as defined in claim [[27]] 22, wherein the means for prompting comprises a mechanical vibrator.

32. (currently amended) A mobile communication device as defined in claim [[27]] 22, further comprising a means for authenticating the user.

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33. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 32, wherein the means for authenticating the user comprises a fingerprint recognition subsystem.

34. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 32, wherein the means for authenticating the user comprises a password stored in the memory of the mobile communication device which is compared against a password entered by the user in response to being prompted.

35. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 32, wherein the means for authenticating the user comprises a voice recognition subsystem and a stored speech segment stored in the memory of the mobile communication device.

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37. (currently amended) A mobile communication device as defined in claim [[27]] 22 , wherein the means for receiving the input comprises a status response button.

38. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 22, further comprising a means for detecting a present geographic location.

39. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 38, wherein the means for detecting the present geographic location comprises a satellite positioning subsystem.

40. (original) A mobile communication device as defined in claim 22, further comprising a local wireless receiver subsystem for receiving local signals, and wherein the local signals contain information relating to a present location of the mobile communication device.

41. (currently amended) A mobile communication device as defined in claim [[27]] 22, wherein the means for prompting the user comprises a display of the mobile communication device and at least one icon file describing an icon and being stored in the memory of the mobile

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communication device, the mobile communication device displaying the icon on the display while prompting the user, and the icon being related to the event.

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